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NOTES AND LITERATURE.

ZOÖLOGY.

Dodge's General Zoölogy.¹ — The title on the cover and the "book notice" sent out by the publishers do not suggest that this is otherwise than an entirely *new* book, but in small type on the title page is the information that this is a "revision and rearrangement" of Orton's *Comparative Zoölogy* — a well-known text-book written in 1876 by the late Professor Orton of Vassar College and revised by Birge in 1883 and by Dodge in 1894. But even the information on the title page does not prevent the reader from expecting to find that the new author and new title mean that the book has been recast so completely that the original author deserves credit for only a minor part of the book. Careful examination leads to disappointment. Parts I and II of the original work and its revisions are interchanged, and there are two new chapters — one on practical work and the other on origin of animal species. In all other respects, the chapters, sections, and paragraphs of the greater part of the book stand essentially unchanged, except in minor verbal changes and revisions of the classification and morphology in accordance with discoveries made since the original book and its earlier revisions appeared. Thus Dodge's *General Zoölogy* is analyzed into Orton's *Comparative Zoölogy* with probably 90 per cent of the sentences essentially as Professor Orton wrote them thirty years ago, and added to this about forty pages of new material. In the light of these facts any fair-minded man of science will not hesitate to condemn the change of title and author's credit and especially the method of advertising the book as a *new* one. In all fairness to purchasers and to the principle of credit for original work, the so-called Dodge's *General Zoölogy* should hereafter be known to teachers of zoölogy as Orton's *Zoölogy* revised and extended by Dodge; and as such the chief value of the book is that of the original work with the changes made necessary by advances in zoölogical knowledge. These have been great, but in such a general text-book the majority of the revisions have been possible without rewriting the original sentences.

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¹ Dodge, C. W. *General Zoölogy*. New York, American Book Co. 1903. Svo, pp. 512, 379 figs.